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WOMAN:
THE SPHINX.

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CHAPTER XV.

SULWAY FORTH.

After the success of the Manor House tea-party, Aunt Jael was determined that she should have some entertainment of her own. She considered that the rites of hospitality had been duly fulfilled with regard to Anthony, and when Barbara hinted at a picnic, she at once refused permission that it should be held, at all events, at the expense of a picnic.

"If other fools choose to waste their money they can do so," said Jael, frowning, "but I do not choose to countenance extravagance. Are you in your right mind, Barbara Vane?"

"It won't cost much, Aunt Jael," urged Bo-peep, ready to cry.

"Indeed it will! Picnics are the most extravagant form of entertainment, for taking place as they do in the open air, those who attend them have their appetites sharpened, and invariably devour enormous quantities of provisions."

Having delivered this verdict in quite a Johnsonian style, Miss Jael declined to discuss the matter further, and Barbara, having rather unwisely promised Anthony his chance of love-making at the picnic, did not know what excuse to make. Perhaps Anthony guessed her dilemma, for he sent a note to her proposing that he should give the picnic himself as a return for her hospitality, and when she showed this to Aunt Jael, she said that it was best to answer a fool according to his folly and accept, so Bo-peep wrote a very polite and grateful little note of thanks for the offer. Therefore the picnic was determined upon, and as Anthony gave Mrs. Jerome a free hand as to provisions, a great boiling and baking and stewing went on at the Pippin Inn.

After his outbreak, Mr. Jerome, weakened by excess, and deprived of stimulants, shut himself up in his library and saw no one. Jerome watched over him personally, and attended to him as though he were a fretful child, while Mary was more vigilant than ever, and kept all the household spirits out of the house. Under these circumstances the vicarage was gloomy in the extreme, and Agnes was glad to accept Anthony's invitation. A breath of the sea breeze, a cheerful meal in the open air, and some bright conversation and companionship were what she needed to rouse her from the depression into which she had fallen, consequent on her father's relapse into his unhappy vice. Anthony's proposal was a tonic to strengthen her nerves and spirits, and she was grateful to him for his consideration. But had she known that his real reason for the picnic was to gain an opportunity to ask her hand in marriage, it is doubtful if she would have accepted so gladly. And yet, being a woman, she had some inkling of his state of mind.

Towards the end of the week Anthony and his party set out early to climb the ridge between valley and sea. He walked beside Agnes, and with delight that the look of contentment was coming back to her face. Bo-peep and Mr. Arnold chatted merrily together, and the thin curate, under the influence of his gay, pretty companion, became quite talkative, for him, Harry Lee climbed beside Sir Bernard, who, in the absence of Aunt Jael, had graciously consented to look after the young people. His grim sister had refused Anthony's invitation, as she declined to aid him to squander his money; but her absence was rather a relief than otherwise. Had Miss Jael known how pleased everyone was that she had not come, she would undoubtedly have accepted the invitation, and done her best to spoil the expedition. But not knowing this she remained at home and harried the villagers in her usual benign way.

The path up the ridge was very charming, and wound gradually through the apple-trees to the oaks and yew-woods, and at the top the elevation. At the top the party paused to look at the view, which was well worthy of their praise. On the one side was the valley with its sea of green trees, and the cluster of red-roofed houses forming a bright spot of color in the middle. On the other, the blue ocean stretched for miles to the horizon, and the white cliffs, upon which the waves broke in curls of foam, curved to a point where on a little fishing village. At the back of this soared tall, red-brown cliffs, with tumbled masses of boulders at their foot, and the whole scene glowed and shined in the hot, yellow sunshine of July until it looked like fairyland.

"What a paradise," said Anthony, looking at the beautiful woman standing by his side.

"Paradise," said she, with a weary smile, "but not without its serpent."

"To doubt, the truest epigrams are always the most true. There are no many cases to which they can be applied. I have my trouble, as you know."

"I would do anything to help you, anything to save you a moment's pain."

"Yes," her eyes rested thoughtfully on him. "I believe you are a true friend."

There was something so cold about the way in which she thus measured the distance between them that Anthony was disconcerted. Seeing Agnes turned away with a slight smile and joined Mr. Arnold to talk over parochial matters. She saw now that Anthony was right to arm the friendship into love, and she was not disposed to let him go so far. With the position in which they stood to one another she was very well satisfied, and saw no reason to alter the relationship. Therefore she was cold and guarded, and she was not a lover at arm's length. But the evil day—for her—was only put off for a time; it would come sooner or later, and she instinctively felt. Had Miss Jerome known of Barbara's participation she would have thought that the crisis was worse than she imagined, but as yet she had no thought that Bo-peep, single and timid, had developed into a matchmaker.

In descending the slope which led down to the beach Anthony found himself next to Sir Bernard. The old man in his black velvet coat looked more like a monkey than ever, but his eyes glittered mockingly as

he saw how the gaze of his companion followed the gleam of Agnes's red hair. "Why do you stare at me?" he asked, with a slight sneer, and reddened with annoyance.

"Why do you stare, Sir Bernard?" he asked, rather sharply.

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"May I inquire if they are amusing?"

"I don't know; judge for yourself. I was thinking that Agnes was a modern Lilith who had meshed your soul in the tresses of her golden hair."

"But her hair is red," rejoined Anthony, avoiding a direct reply.

"All the more dangerous," retorted the old cynic. "I never knew a red-haired woman that had not more of the devil than the saint in her."

"Sir Bernard, are you speaking of Miss Jerome?"

"I speak generally. Agnes is a woman, and she has feminine qualities."

"The best feminine qualities," said Anthony, with emphasis. "She is a good daughter."

"And why shouldn't she be; she has a good father."

"I deny that."

"Hey, you deny it," said Sir Bernard, with an inquisitive glance.

"On the grounds that I have been to the Jerome cupboard and looked at the Jerome skeleton."

"Oh, oh, and how did you find the cupboard? It's generally kept locked, you know."

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"Well, I must say that I am surprised, Mr. Sulway," said he, quietly, "the man's vice is stronger than his will, and he exceeds in drink whenever he gets the chance. It was unlucky that you gave him the brandy, but under the circumstances I do not think you are to blame."

"If I had only known—"

"How could you have been wise after the event?" retorted the baronet.

"However, I take it that you tell me this to prove that Agnes is a devoted daughter to a bad father."

"Can you doubt it?"

"Yes sir, I can. Jerome is not bad, he is unfortunate. Nature is too strong for him. It may be too strong for a daughter, too," added Sir Bernard, after a pause.

"But, my good sir, you don't expect she will become like her father."

"No, I don't say that; but the whole Jerome race has suffered, and still suffers, from neurasthenia, and it is bound to come out in some way. Three generations have developed their nerve troubles in drinking and smoking; how Agnes will develop the family weakness I can't say."

"She is a good and religious woman."

"No doubt, she has called in the aid of religion to combat the dangers which threaten her soul."

"What dangers?" asked Anthony abruptly.

"How should I know?" retorted the baronet impatiently. "As yet, so far as I can see, she shows no crime, unless religious fanaticism can be called so. Agnes is good, I admit; but all people here think her a saint; perhaps she is on the surface, but depend upon it in certain circumstances—I can't say of what kind—I am no fool, Mr. Sulway. I am not blind, and I see that you wish to make her your wife. Take an old man's advice, and don't."

"But it is too late, I love her."

"In that case marry her, and take the risk of her hereditary neurasthenia. It's none of my business."

With these abominably cynical words Sir Bernard walked briskly down the hill with the activity of a young man. Anthony stood silently looking down at the glittering sands, across which Agnes was walking with Arnold, and Bo-peep was dancing gaily in the rear of Harry Lee, who fluted his horn with the music of the wind. The talk with Sir Bernard had placed the chance of his marriage with Agnes in a new light. He wanted a wife who would leave him from himself; it seemed that Agnes was in the same plight, and needed a strong arm to keep her from evil. She was fortifying herself with prayer, and the powers of hell were besieging the soul on all sides, and though they had not conquered its purity, it might be that some day they would find entrance. Then what would she be?

"No," cried Anthony, pressing his hand to his eyes to shut out the sight his imagination conjured up. "A thousand times, no."

He began to have an inkling of the mystery hinted at by Denham; also to understand the enigmatic words of Agnes on the fatal night.

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Where does that quotation come from, Miss Bo-peep?"

"Nicholas Nickleby," she replied promptly. "You can't puzzle me, Mr. Sulway. I am a true worshipper of 'Bo.' Bo's so funny."

"And so true," said Agnes, raising her beautiful eyes, "you can see scenes from 'Oliver Twist' any day in Whitechapel."

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GEORGE-STREET, MOVE-

Though by no stretch of imagination can Miss Marie Tempest personify the crafty little adventuress her presence, she goes far toward doing so by her acting, marked as it is by the varied phases of witchery from shy demureness to plaintive misery and absolute woe, and certainly assuming to her is turned further her social advancement, her purse, and assure her triumph over the jealous ladies whose slight she had suffered. Though not Becky of the novel, the part is effective in the play, proving Miss Tempest short of passion, to be a highly accomplished comedian. Mr. Leonard Byrne neither in character nor appearance, is in the least suggestive of the big, heavy dragon, Rawley Crawler, until the closing scene, when he played with vivid passion in denunciation of his false wife and fierce onslaught upon her keeper. The character of the Marquis Stuyvesant, in make up and acting, well portrayed with lurid power by Mr. Gilbert Hare, giving the most picturesque of the cast. The many varied individualities of the new recruits, Major Dobbin, were

The Oxford has gone in for a thorough renovation, redecoration, and some interesting additions, and is very cleverly equipped for the use of a supervisory committee. Wyllson and Long, the well-known municipal architects, who have not interrupted one performance during the conducting of this work. The new entrance to the stage (which has also been enlarged) is very spacious, and will allow any orchestra to be brought out on the stage with the greatest ease, and a fine balcony exit for the public has been added. A new foyer has been commenced on balcony level. The sumptuous new dining-rooms that have been constructed for the use of the orchestra, and the Royal Music Hall directorate are as valuable to the comfort of their artists as they are to those of their patrons in front of the building.

A very interesting and instructive entertainment is that of the Royal Animals and Ringing Pansy Company, now touring in the Mohawks Hall, Islington. The photographs of local and busy centres have delight to enthusiastic audiences. One of the most interesting pictures is that of the North Sea trawlers at work, and the pictures of the fish being brought in are startling in its faithful nature. A full production, and

"The Undercurrent" is the title chosen by Mr. Carton for his new comedy due at the Orpheum Theatre on Saturday, Sept. 10.

"Diplomacy, social and political, is merely a knowledge of the best methods of navigating the streams of life, and the successful sailor is the one who understands—and knows how to utilize—the undercurrent." What is the undercurrent? Good questions. But the current runs strongly; it is always wise to secure assistance of a feminine pilot."

The title is also disclosed of Mr. St. Ogilvie's new play due next Thursday at the Court—"John Durnford, M.P.,"—cast, characters, and scenes of which we shall hear later.

Dorothy Weston, as Dorothy; Fred Kerr; the Marquis of Northwold; Mr. Julius Knight; Lord Arthur Harcourt; Mr. Dennis Eddie; Ely Judber, M.P.; G. W. Anson; Maj. O'Callaghan; Mr. Albert Stanton; Lady St. Cyr, Miss Harvey; Lady Arthur Bone; Mrs. Bland; Miss Lillian; Miss Maryweather, Miss R. Moodie; Jennie O'Leighan, Miss Ellis Jeffrey; together with Messrs. C. Troode, Stanley Cooke, H. Chart, R. C. Hess, W. H. Quinton, Turner, and Messrs. Marjorie Griffin, and Misses May and Edna. Acted at the Casino at Chappelle-la-Basine.

Hill: An Ant-room in the Workshop

Neilston. McCann's brother, Michael, 19, also died from his injuries Tuesday morning. Another man was seriously injured, and the remaining 16 were scratched and bruised. The rail train, on which the crash occurred, is being repaired to facilitate the traffic from the Laneshire coalfields to Ardrossan Harbour.

ANOTHER DOMESTIC TRAGEDY
Early on Friday May 19, Myrtle Sheriff, 40, of Stoke-on-Trent, was the victim of a murderous attack on his wife with a poker, and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. The woman is in a critical condition.

OMINOUS.
It is curious that perhaps the cunningest horse that jumped in enclosure at the Dublin Horse Show on Wednesday was called De Witt, his successful competitor was a specialist.

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ling of planting fruit trees for profit should
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a breezy, open position to the north or
south—and give the trees 18 inches
enough. Standards should be on the same
crab stock. \$6ft. to 8ft. apart.
way, and a double row of standards. Fruits
or berries should be planted at
the standards. A few currants
gooseberries may be planted to
up the first year, but no good can
done with bush fruits in any quantity
and cheap labour in the gathering season.
In the kitchen garden the hoe must not
laid aside, as there are sure to be numerous
weeds springing up between the plants
spring and border, if there are any
woods the hoe should be kept going, for the
benefits of a loose surface are great.

Pot early-blooming bulbs and place cover
and cover with ashes or cocoa fibre.
foliage class by using the sponge and a
watering machine must be used to keep
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(Continued from page 16).			
CRICKET.			
BATTING AVERAGES.			
The qualification for this week is 30 innings with an average of 25.			
Player	Runs	Innings	Average
G. B. Fry	488	17	28.7
H. S. Hammond	480	17	28.2
Albi	476	18	26.4
C. H. Fennell	468	18	26.0
Griffin, G. G.	464	18	25.8
W. H. Lewis	460	18	25.6
W. G. Grace	456	18	25.3
W. G. Grace	452	18	25.1
W. G. Grace	448	18	24.9
W. G. Grace	444	18	24.7
W. G. Grace	440	18	24.4
W. G. Grace	436	18	24.2
W. G. Grace	432	18	24.0
W. G. Grace	428	18	23.8
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W. G. Grace	376	18	21.2
W. G. Grace	372	18	21.0
W. G. Grace	368	18	20.8
W. G. Grace	364	18	20.6
W. G. Grace	360	18	20.4
W. G. Grace	356	18	20.2
W. G. Grace	352	18	20.0
W. G. Grace	348	18	19.8
W. G. Grace	344	18	19.6
W. G. Grace	340	18	19.4
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W. G. Grace	332	18	19.0
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W. G. Grace	324	18	18.6
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W. G. Grace	304	18	17.6
W. G. Grace	300	18	17.4
W. G. Grace	296	18	17.2
W. G. Grace	292	18	17.0
W. G. Grace	288	18	16.8
W. G. Grace	284	18	16.6
W. G. Grace	280	18	16.4
W. G. Grace	276	18	16.2
W. G. Grace	272	18	16.0
W. G. Grace	268	18	15.8
W. G. Grace	264	18	15.6
W. G. Grace	260	18	15.4
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W. G. Grace	204	18	12.6
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W. G. Grace	192	18	12.0
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W. G. Grace	184	18	11.6
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Lafferty	1968	156	41
C. R. Wood	1968	156	41
C. Purdy	1968	156	41
Dr. R. Macdonald	1970	147	39
Kern (W.)	1970	147	39
King	1970	147	39
O. W. Feldman	1974	169	44
J. J. Lanza	1974	169	44
J. R. Mason	1974	169	44
Carpanter	1974	169	44
A. J. Lanza	1974	169	44
Bruce	1974	169	44
R. G. Garnett	1974	169	44
Shreebory	1974	169	44
C. J. Austin	1974	169	44
Kilian	1974	169	44
S. Finkelstein	1974	169	44
Quinn	1974	169	44
F. M. Frost	1974	169	44
Woods	1974	169	44
S. H. Day	1974	169	44
H. E. Pouley	1974	169	44
G. E. Day	1974	169	44
R. S. Hayman	1974	169	44

Dr. J. C. Brown	1905	100	100	100
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I. S. Wright	1905	100	100	100
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H. C. Crawford	1905	100	100	100
Wallace	1905	100	100	100
A. C. McLaughlin	1905	100	100	100
W. H. Smith	1905	100	100	100
Lewis	1905	100	100	100
Dorsey	1905	100	100	100
H. J. Woods	1905	100	100	100
Burke	1905	100	100	100
Charlesworth	1905	100	100	100
W. H. Smith	1905	100	100	100
W. H. Smith	1905	100	100	100
Denton	1905	100	100	100
D. D. Levenson Gower	1905	100	100	100
R. J. T. Monaghan	1905	100	100	100
W. H. Smith	1905	100	100	100
Borror	1905	100	100	100
W. P. Robertson	1905	100	100	100

Woods	54	6	117	57
Ward	54	6	117	57
Lord Harke	54	6	117	57
Knecht	54	6	117	57
W. C. Baker	54	6	117	57
Hayes	54	6	117	57
H. K. Johnson	54	6	117	57
Burgess, W. R. A.	54	6	117	57
Wheeler	54	6	117	57
Wheeler	54	6	117	57
Armstrong	54	6	117	57
Wheeler	54	6	117	57
Holland	54	6	117	57
O. R. Hartley	54	6	117	57
R. & C. Owen	54	6	117	57

*Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

The qualification for this week is 60 wickets.

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Leicester	19	-	-	-	-	-
Sheff Wed	18	-	-	-	-	-
Derby	20	-	-	-	-	-
Nottingham	17	-	-	-	-	-
Gloucester	19	-	-	-	-	-
Warwick	20	-	-	-	-	-

The following matches were played at York, W. York, W. Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire are ignored.

MATCHES FOR NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER.

- 2-Lord's, Midlands v. Essex
- 3-Oval, Surrey v. Leicestershire.
- 4-Scarborough, Yorkshire v. Mr. Thorntons.

England XI

- 5-Manchester, Lancashire and Yorkshire
- 6-East of England (Hastings Festival)

WATER POLO.

ENGLAND VS WALES.

This international match was played at Cardiff, and resulted in a victory for England by 7 goals to 5.

FOOTBALL.

DISSOLUTION OF NEW BRIGHTONTON F.C.

The directors of the New Brighton Football Club have resolved to disband the club as the season draws to a close. The directors have been unsuccessful in their efforts to get the club re-elected to the Football League, the club having been in the Second Division. The collapse of New Brighton has created some confusion in the minds of its players.

John J. Reil has been transferred to Elton A. Goldie to Small Heath. Arridge Stockport County, and H. Dainty to Leice. Fosse. Turner and Cunliffe have returned to their former clubs, respectively, Rotherham and Colvin to Luton. Such well-known players as Barrett, the old Newton team-keeper, Petrie and Holmes, half-backs, Hulse, Farrell, and Baggarens, forwarders are all disgraced.

AMERICA CUP TRIAL RACE
WIN FOR COLUMBIA

Newport (N.J.), Aug. 31.—The first races here between the Constitution and the Columbia, began to-day under a fair weather with a southerly breeze from the south-east, which increased as the day wore on. The course was sailed from the lightship 13 miles to the westward and back, under the regular limit of 54 hours. Under the same measurements Constitution averaged 12.7 miles Columbia 71 seconds over a 30 mile course. This being a decrease of 10 seconds, the Columbia was on the average 10 seconds faster than the Constitution under the same conditions.

follows: — Columbia, 11hrs. 41min. 45sec.; Constitution, 11hrs. 42min. They rounded the mark as follows: — Columbia, 1h. 30min. 35sec.; Constitution, 1hr. 32min. 20sec. The first was as follows: — Columbia, 3hrs. 2min. 1sec.; Constitution, 3hrs. 6min. 3sec. Columbia thus won, including her time allowance, by 5min. 13sec. Renter.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday in the Town Hall, Reading, when the Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire (Mr. J. Herbert Benson), the Mayor (Mr. G. Palmer) and the members of the South African war medaled to the members of the Active Service Company of the 1st Vol. Bata. Royal Berkshire Regt., who recently returned from the front. The presentation was made by the field commander, Mr. J. H. Baker. The proceedings were most enthusiastic. The High Sheriff of Berkshire, Mr. G. Palmer, Mayor of Reading, and Mr. G. Palmer, M.P., were among those present.

AMERICAN MARKETS.
(L.P. BY TELEGRAPH.)

New York, Aug. 31.—The New York Produce, and Cotton Exchanges, and Chicago Board of Trade have been closed on Monday. Sterling Exchange quoted at late rates.—Reuter.

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YESTERDAY'S POLICE.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London 2,643 births and 1,676 deaths were registered last week. The births were registered at the rate of 1.676 above the average. The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes fell again to 19.2. The 1,676 deaths included 26 from measles, 12 from scarlet fever, 27 from diphtheria, 17 from whooping-cough, 25 from enteric fever, 375 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and four from cholera and choleraic diarrhoea. Different forms of violence caused 16 deaths, concerning all but three of which inquests were held.

Of these 16 deaths, six were cases of suicide, and one of homicide, while the remaining 10 were attributed to accident or negligence. Eight of these were referred to vehicles in the streets, five to burns and scalds, nine to drowning, two to sunstroke, and eight of infants under one year of age to suffocation in bed.

In Greater London 3,987 births and 2,342 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 30.7 and 19.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 21.6 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,026 persons in the middle of this year.

The Chinese drink wine hot. Greater London has 42 corporations. The organ of sight is more highly developed in birds than in any animal.

The travelling expenses of Italian M.P.s are paid by Government. These averaged £400 a head used by the War Office for war purposes since 1899 has cost £105,000 up to date.

In 1890 only 4 per cent. of the people of the United States lived in towns; in 1900 30 per cent. did so.

When the serfs were freed in Russia the Government paid £23 a head compensation for 20 millions of them.

The floor Mauser rifle and our Lee-Enfield are the only rifles in use which are sighted up to 2,900 yards.

In Munich the penalty for not filling a beer-glass to the limit is £25 fine and two weeks' imprisonment.

Canada bought 23,000 tons of coal from us last year. From the United States she purchased £8,500,000 tons.

Only 370 islands in the Indian Ocean are inhabited. The total number is 16,300.

At a recent scientific test a worker in metal succeeded in drawing a penny out into 5,700 ft. of wire.

Towns of England and Wales are in debt £263 millions sterling, while those of Scotland add another 37 millions to this amount.

At Panama the average rise and fall of the tides is 2 ft., the lowest for ocean tides; but the Mediterranean has a tide of 6 in. only.

Japan's circulation of newspapers was only 28 millions in 1878. It is now 11 millions. The City of Tokyo alone has two daily papers.

The Duke of Devonshire owns the biggest emerald in the world. It is in his acres, and was bought from the late Emperor of Brazil.

Towns in the United Kingdom own 25 municipal properties valued at £3 millions, and make 91 millions clear of all taxes on this investment.

The heaviest man in America, if not in the world, lives in Glenwood, Wisconsin, and weighs no fewer than 100 pounds.

The members of the Library Association have held their annual meeting during the past week at Plymouth.

The conference visits Birmingham next year. The Seine holds the record for traffic-carrying in France. 50,048 vessels carried last year 27 million passengers and 10 million tons of merchandise.

Newgate Prison, which will shortly be removed, was first built in the 12th century, but was destroyed in the great fire of 1666, and again in the Gordon Riots of 1790.

There are now 1,142 different submarine cables, with a total length of 19,000 miles, owned by Governments, and 318 cables, altogether 146,000 miles long, in the hands of companies.

The term "red-letter" day originated with the ancient practice of marking saints' days in the calendars with red letters, because saints' days were considered auspicious.

Speaking at Leeds this week in connection with a press function, Mr. Arthur Beckett took a very optimistic view, as well he might, of the position and influence of the modern newspaper press.

In Spain bullfighting on bicycles is becoming popular. A famous cyclist, Carlos Rodriguez, a famous cyclist, and Senor Badilla, a noted picador, mounted on cycles, tackled a bull in the arena in Madrid. The bull won in a canter.

During the summer thrushes get up before three o'clock in the morning and don't go to bed until after nine o'clock at night; so they work nearly 19 hours. Blackbirds are not nearly so industrious. They only work 17 hours.

In a Ballarat (Australia) church, special accommodation is provided for deaf worshippers. A megaphone having been used in the vicinity of the pulpit, from which the sound of the clergyman's voice is carried in tubes to the ears of such of his flock as may be afflicted with a hardness of hearing.

The most famous pearl discovered in Australia of late years is that known as the Southern Cross. It consists of a cluster of nine pearls in the shape of a cross, and is almost perfect in proportion. This freak of Nature was picked up at low water on the Laccadive Islands by a beach-comber named Clark; it was last sold for £10,000.

Some examples of the great variety of occupations engaged in by women in the U.S. are given by an American contemporary. In Georgia and Texas women serve as mail-carriers; in West Virginia a woman drives a locomotive engine. In the neighbourhood of New York a woman conducts her own plan and supports her children on the proceeds, and a Virginian lady carries her living as a trainer of saddle-horses.

The art of enamelling, says Sir E. Arnold, is again coming into favour. It is a very ancient art, although so difficult and delicate in its highest branches. It is mentioned in Ezekiel, where the Hebrew word Chashmal—translated "amber"—can scarcely mean anything except enamelling; and bricks have been found amidst the Babylonian ruins glazed in bright blue and green, having a lustre of colour and finish of ornament which almost render them porcelain rather than pottery.

Out of every three persons struck by lightning two recover. Ireland exports yearly 640,000 cattle and 641,000 sheep. There are 49 different kinds of house-fly known and classified. To crush a half-inch cube of granite requires a weight of 11 tons. Horses were first used in agriculture in the reign of Edward the Confessor. Some Japanese young girls, when they desire to look extremely captivating, gild their lips.

Forty-six per cent. of the postcards sold in Germany last year were of the pictorial variety. The flesh of crocodiles tastes very similar to veal, and is regarded as a delicacy by some people in India. In 1941 Ireland's population was 251 to the square mile; now it is 144 only.

London water-works work out at 13 6-10ths of a penny per ton for the supply. One of the minor expenses of a locomotive is 100 gallons of lubricating oil. A similar amount now lasts them a day and a quarter.

Half a ton of sawdust contains 160 lb. of charcoal, 180 lb. of acids, 240 lb. of water, and 160 lb. of tar. England has 807,471 paupers by the latest returns; Scotland, 97,947; and Ireland, 97,557.

Careful records kept in the Orkney lighthouses show 14,000 hours of storm in the past 20 years. Potatoes were first cultivated on what is now the border of Peru and Chili in the Andes Mountains.

On an average, one in four cases of typhoid in the British troops in S. Africa has proved fatal. A similar amount now lasts them a day and a quarter.

100,000 bales of cotton fed the Lancashire mills for a whole century ago. A similar amount now lasts them a day and a quarter.

Mexico has 10,231 mines, of which 4,109 are silver and 598 gold. 2,220 produce both silver and gold, and 2,223 lead and silver.

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224 gallons of fresh water weigh a ton. In 1801 coal sold in London for £2 15s. a ton. Deaths by fire average 37 in 10,000 of all deaths. Blacking for British boots costs £200,000 a year. A patent costs £5 in Belgium, £10 in France, £10 in Russia. Within the last few years 174,294 foreigners have settled in England. At all seasons of the year 5 a.m. is the coldest hour of the twenty-four. 11 out of the 22 British dukes have at present no heirs to succeed them. Veils for full mourning in the Royal family measure 7 1/2 in. in length. 976,000 operatives work in Britain's 7,100 factories.

Four per cent. of boys are colour-blind; only one per cent. of girls. Of the seven Presidents France has had, only one has served a full term. Italy exports £100,000,000 worth of silk—over a fifth of her total exports. London has 861 inns for every million inhabitants; Orkney only 64.

The death-rate of Valparaiso is 64.6 per 1,000—a world's record. The U.S. navy is now ahead of Germany by 3,000 tons, and fourth in the world's navies.

The average Londoner owns £158 worth of house property; the average Irishman shows 14,000 hours of storm in the past 20 years. Potatoes were first cultivated on what is now the border of Peru and Chili in the Andes Mountains.

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Europe has had altogether 321 monarchs since the battle of Hastings. Not a single infectious disease is known to the Great Britain. Out of 50 blind people 11 are men, nine women. London's 15,000 lunatics cost £450,000 a year. The average rates for all London amount to 5s. 9d. in the pound. Spain has a population of 17,500,000, of which number 11,000,000 cannot read or write. A shipyard at Omisato, Japan, still in operation, was established over 1,900 years ago. 3,071 motor-cars are registered in Paris alone; 2,445 in the rest of France.

The ordinary rate of the Thames current is 180 ft. a minute; that of the Rhine, 510 ft. The Bank of France can compel its customers to receive one-fifth of money drawn in gold. One year's coal represents the work of 500 million people working day and night for a year.

Australia's commerce has increased 75 per cent. in the past 20 years. Canada's 54 per cent. Some 2,500 pounds of gun-cotton were required to remove the last traces of the Viper.

The telephone which extends over the longest route is that between Houston and St. Louis, a distance of 1,400 miles. The most extensive cemetery in the world is that at Rome, in which over 6,000,000 human beings have been interred.

Of the 38 Sultans who have ruled the Ottoman Empire since the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks 34 have died violent deaths. The Queen of Greece is the only woman admiral in the world. She holds that position in the Russian Navy.

Any child over seven can be prosecuted as a criminal in England; but in Germany 12 is the limit of responsibility. The vital statistics of Sydney in 1900 were decidedly satisfactory in one respect, the birth-rate being 27.78 per 1,000 and the death-rate 12.29.

Instructions have been given to recruiting agencies for special efforts to be made to enlist men for drivers and gunners in the R.M. and R.F.A. Of the eight ladies who acted as train-bearers to the Queen when she was married, 38 years ago, all but one are still alive. Of these six are married.

French working men have an average income of £83, against an average for the United Kingdom of £92. Germans have £70, Italians £55, Spaniards £43. Two hundred and fifty million francs are used in a month in the United Kingdom; that is, each inhabitant uses 90 in a year. Each American averages 150.

Ireland claims the honour of the first electric railway in the United Kingdom. It ran from Belfast to the Giant's Causeway, and was opened in 1881. The largest temporary building ever constructed was the Liberal Arts Building at the World's Fair. It was 787 ft. wide, 1,647 ft. long, and had 44 acres of floor space.

Germany last year bought 588 tons of machine-tools from us; but during the same time she purchased 4,757 tons of American and 389 tons of French tools. London's fire brigade now consists of 1,139 men, 235 horses, 70 steam fire-engines, and 196 fire-scoops. There are 625 separate fire-alarms, and 16,425 hydrants in London.

The largest block of granite ever quarried is being used in the construction of the Brachy Head Lighthouse. It is 680 feet long, 200 wide, and 14 ft. deep. It weighs 1,400 tons.

The Premier of N.S.W. has promised Government assistance in the establishment of a Soldiers' Institute as a memorial to those who fell in South Africa. Immensely beneficial rains have fallen in Victoria, New South Wales, Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania. Many districts suffering from drought have thus been relieved.

The longest measured drift of a bottle was in the Pacific, from four degrees south of the equator to the Fiji Islands, a distance of 6,700 miles, in 435 days. Sir Island cotton has the longest fibre—average of 1.61 inches. The shortest is East Indian, the fibre of which averages nine-tenths of an inch only.

Mr. Edison holds the world's record of having taken out 742 patents since 1872. Prof. Thomson is credited with 444, and Sir Hiram Maxim stands third. The War Office is having drawings made on a large scale of various kinds of guns and their parts for the instruction of the Militia and Volunteer Artillery.

The ribbon makers of Coventry look forward with hope to the Coronation because they think it may bring ribbon into fashion again as a decoration for ladies' hats. A report issued by the I.C.C. shows that 8,027 inquests were held in London during 1900, which is at the rate of 1.7 per 1,000 of the population, and a decrease of 30 per cent. on the number of inquests of 1899.

There has been a general decrease in gold production throughout Victoria during the first six months of this year, and the yield up to June 30 was 12,755 oz. less than in the corresponding period of last year. Among the arsenal of captured guns brought to Portsmouth from China on board the Centurion, a weapon captured from the Chinese, was a machine gun. It was found in the first Chinese tank. It was used after the bombardment of the Taku Forts.

An important conference will be held on Sept. 10 at Batley or Dewsbury in connection with the Spun Valley Light Railway scheme, which, when carried into effect, will provide the heavy woolen district with electrically-equipped tramways. Of the 12,000 million letters annually distributed by the post-offices of the world, 8,000 millions are in English, 1,200 millions in German, 1,000 millions in French. All the other languages have less than 2,000 millions between them.

France was at one time considered to be one of the soberest of countries, and in the matter of the consumption of alcoholic beverages it stood well down the list on the national drink. To Elgar, both having a sense and meaning, guard and ward. The Queen of Portugal has taken immense interest in the study of medicine, and, having taken her doctor's degree, it is said that she intends to practice what she has learnt. Her Majesty is energetic, and is determined to do all in her power to improve the condition of the Portuguese hospitals.

THE PEOPLE'S MIXTURE. In London 2,643 births and 1,676 deaths were registered last week. The births were registered at the rate of 1.676 above the average. The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes fell again to 19.2. The 1,676 deaths included 26 from measles, 12 from scarlet fever, 27 from diphtheria, 17 from whooping-cough, 25 from enteric fever, 375 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and four from cholera and choleraic diarrhoea. Different forms of violence caused 16 deaths, concerning all but three of which inquests were held.

Of these 16 deaths, six were cases of suicide, and one of homicide, while the remaining 10 were attributed to accident or negligence. Eight of these were referred to vehicles in the streets, five to burns and scalds, nine to drowning, two to sunstroke, and eight of infants under one year of age to suffocation in bed.

In Greater London 3,987 births and 2,342 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 30.7 and 19.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 21.6 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,026 persons in the middle of this year.

The Chinese drink wine hot. Greater London has 42 corporations. The organ of sight is more highly developed in birds than in any animal.

The travelling expenses of Italian M.P.s are paid by Government. These averaged £400 a head used by the War Office for war purposes since 1899 has cost £105,000 up to date.

In 1890 only 4 per cent. of the people of the United States lived in towns; in 1900 30 per cent. did so.

When the serfs were freed in Russia the Government paid £23 a head compensation for 20 millions of them.

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In Munich the penalty for not filling a beer-glass to the limit is £25 fine and two weeks' imprisonment.

Canada bought 23,000 tons of coal from us last year. From the United States she purchased £8,500,000 tons.

Only 370 islands in the Indian Ocean are inhabited. The total number is 16,300.

At a recent scientific test a worker in metal succeeded in drawing a penny out into 5,700 ft. of wire.

Towns of England and Wales are in debt £263 millions sterling, while those of Scotland add another 37 millions to this amount.

At Panama the average rise and fall of the tides is 2 ft., the lowest for ocean tides; but the Mediterranean has a tide of 6 in. only.

Japan's circulation of newspapers was only 28 millions in 1878. It is now 11 millions. The City of Tokyo alone has two daily papers.

The Duke of Devonshire owns the biggest emerald in the world. It is in his acres, and was bought from the late Emperor of Brazil.

Towns in the United Kingdom own 25 municipal properties valued at £3 millions, and make 91 millions clear of all taxes on this investment.

The heaviest man in America, if not in the world, lives in Glenwood, Wisconsin, and weighs no fewer than 100 pounds.

The members of the Library Association have held their annual meeting during the past week at Plymouth.

The conference visits Birmingham next year. The Seine holds the record for traffic-carrying in France. 50,048 vessels carried last year 27 million passengers and 10 million tons of merchandise.

Newgate Prison, which will shortly be removed, was first built in the 12th century, but was destroyed in the great fire of 1666, and again in the Gordon Riots of 1790.

There are now 1,142 different submarine cables, with a total length of 19,000 miles, owned by Governments, and 318 cables, altogether 146,000 miles long, in the hands of companies.

The term "red-letter" day originated with the ancient practice of marking saints' days in the calendars with red letters, because saints' days were considered auspicious.

Speaking at Leeds this week in connection with a press function, Mr. Arthur Beckett took a very optimistic view, as well he might, of the position and influence of the modern newspaper press.

In Spain bullfighting on bicycles is becoming popular. A famous cyclist, Carlos Rodriguez, a famous cyclist, and Senor Badilla, a noted picador, mounted on cycles, tackled a bull in the arena in Madrid. The bull won in a canter.

During the summer thrushes get up before three o'clock in the morning and don't go to bed until after nine o'clock at night; so they work nearly 19 hours. Blackbirds are not nearly so industrious. They only work 17 hours.

In a Ballarat (Australia) church, special accommodation is provided for deaf worshippers. A megaphone having been used in the vicinity of the pulpit, from which the sound of the clergyman's voice is carried in tubes to the ears of such of his flock as may be afflicted with a hardness of hearing.

The most famous pearl discovered in Australia of late years is that known as the Southern Cross. It consists of a cluster of nine pearls in the shape of a cross, and is almost perfect in proportion. This freak of Nature was picked up at low water on the Laccadive Islands by a beach-comber named Clark; it was last sold for £10,000.

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THE FIGHT FOR THE BATTING AGGREGATE.

REMARKABLE PLAY BY FRY AND ABEL. The special interest in the past week's cricket was distinctly individual, centring as it did in the deeds of C. B. Fry and Robert Abel at the Oval. These two famous batsmen, who have been associated in age by a period of over a dozen years, were engaged in a very pretty race, in which each was able to score a century.

Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs. Rows include Fry, Abel, and other batsmen.

ROBERT ABEL. The batsman, had up to Friday obtained 3,000 runs in one summer in first-class cricket.



C. B. FRY. The better off of the two, for while the Kent wicket was quite perfect, the one at Brighton was a very difficult one to play on.

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SURREY v. MIDDLESEX. Unfortunately for Surrey, rain set in at three o'clock at the Oval, and continued with such persistence that there was no choice but to abandon the match, stumps being put up at a quarter past four.

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SUSSEX v. KENT. At Brighton, Sussex, who had on Friday scored 608 for the loss of only four wickets, continued their innings.

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Worcestershire v. Gloucestershire. The total to 57 before the former was dismissed. After the weather had cleared, the Gloucestershire batsmen made a very good start.

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Leicestershire v. Derbyshire. In consequence of rain not a ball could be bowled at Leicester on the last day, and the match between Leicestershire and Derbyshire had therefore to be left drawn.

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The Scarborough Festival. Over thirty v. Under thirty. Under thirty won by 140 runs. The match was played at Scarborough on Friday.

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Worcestershire v. Gloucestershire. Worcester was by 342 runs. The match was played at Worcester on Saturday.

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Southampton and District. The match was played at Southampton on Saturday. The result was a draw.

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